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Responsive to the action mailed July 15, 2005, applicant elects the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-6 and 14, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid sequence comprising a nucleotide sequence at least 70%, 80%, 90%, 95%, 100% identical to SEQ ID NO:1, a cell comprising said nucleotide sequence, an isolated nucleic acid that hybridizes under stringent conditions to SEQ ID NO:1, or a complementary sequence thereof, and a method of expressing said isolated nucleic acid that hybridizes to SEQ ID NO:1, in a cell. The election is made without traverse.

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